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Fabrication)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before any substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks:

In the Abstract

On page 25, line 8, replace "mole" with --weight--;

Remarks

Claims 1-41 remain in the application.

The abstract has been amended to identify the glass composition of the subject optical fiber lens as 4 weight percent borosilicate glass rather than 4 mole percent. This was due to an unintentional typographical error. The standard properties of the glass recited on page 14, lines 9-13, identify it to one skilled in the art as 4 weight percent borosilicate glass rather than 4 mole percent.

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Before any substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks:

In the Specification

On page 4, line 24, replace "mole" with --weight--;
On page 13, line 24, replace "mole percent (mol%)" with --weight percent (wt%)--;
On page 13, line 24, replace "mol%" with --wt%--;

In the Claims

Rewrite claims 4 and 21 as follows:

4. The optical waveguide lens of claim 1 wherein the lens member is fabricated from a 4 weight percent borosilicate glass.

21. The optical waveguide lens of claim 20 wherein the lens member is fabricated from a 4 weight percent borosilicate glass.

Remarks

Claims 1-41 remain in the application. Claims 4 and 21 have been amended.

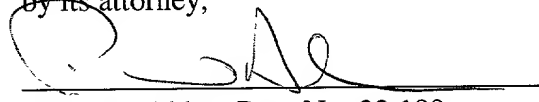
The specification and claims 4 and 21 have been amended to identify the glass composition of the subject optical fiber lens as 4 weight percent borosilicate glass rather than 4 mole percent. This was due to an unintentional typographical error that was repeated in the specification and claims by the undersigned. The standard properties of the glass recited on page 14, lines 9-13, identify it to one skilled in the art as 4 weight percent borosilicate glass rather than 4 mole percent. A version showing the specific amendments to the claims is appended to this Preliminary Amendment.

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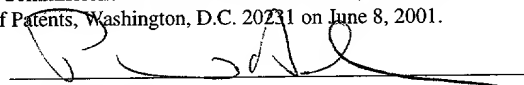
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Version Showing Amendments to Claims

4. The optical waveguide lens of claim 1 wherein the lens member is fabricated from a 4 weight [mole] percent borosilicate glass.

21. The optical waveguide lens of claim 20 wherein the lens member is fabricated from a 4 weight [mole] percent borosilicate glass.